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Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/619,478	Applicant(s) Yamazaki et al
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Jul 19, 2000

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle* 1035 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

18) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

16) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

19) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

17) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 3, 5

20) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-16 are pending in this action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC ' 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 9-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Sawada* (U.S. 6,078,317).

Regarding independent Claims 1, 6, 11 and 14, *Sawada* teaches a ferroelectric liquid crystal display (4) (column 3, lines 38-40, figure 1 at 4).

Furthermore, *Sawada* teaches an image signal processing circuit by teaching a video signal processor (2) and digital image processor (3) (column 3, lines 38-40, figure 1 at 2).

Also, *Sawada* teaches a control circuit in the form of a display mode dependence controller (17) for setting the gamma characteristic adjustment circuit (19) that is contained within the digital image processor (figure 1 at 2-4).

Furthermore, *Sawada* teaches that the gamma characteristic adjustment circuit (19) adjusts the characteristics included in the RGB image data in correspondence with the display panel (24) by utilizing a look-up table embedded within the gamma characteristic adjustment circuit (19) (column 4, lines 10-24, figure 1 at 19, 24).

Regarding **Claims 2, 5, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 16**, in further discussion of claims 1, 6, 11 and 14, *Sawada* teaches a ferroelectric liquid crystal display (4) for a computer display (*see* column 3, lines 38-40, figure 1 at 4, *see also* column 1, lines 1-19).

Regarding **Claims 4 and 9**, in further discussion of claims 1 and 6, *Sawada* teaches circuitry wherein the video signal processor and the digital image processor contain the A/D conversion circuit (13) and the gamma characteristic adjustment circuit (19) respectively (column 3, lines 61-67 *through* column 4, lines 10-24 figure 1 at 13, 19).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC ' 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. **Claims 3 and 8** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sawada* (U.S. 6,078,317) in view of *Jeong* (U.S. 6,008,801).

Regarding **Claims 3 and 8**, in further discussion of claims 1 and 6, *Sawada* teaches circuitry wherein the video signal processor and the digital image processor contain the A/D conversion circuit (13) and the gamma characteristic adjustment circuit (19) respectively (column 3, lines 61-67 *through* column 4, lines 10-24 figure 1 at 13, 19). However, *Sawada* does not teach a source driver circuit with a D/A conversion circuit. On the other hand, *Jeong*

teaches an invention related to a source driver for a thin film transistor liquid crystal display, which has a digital-to-analog converter (column 1, lines 10-14).

Thus, it would have been obvious for a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine *Sawada* and *Jeong*'s inventions because while *Sawada* teaches circuitry wherein the video signal processor and the digital image processor contain the A/D conversion circuit (13) and the gamma characteristic adjustment circuit (19) respectively, *Jeong* teaches a source driver for a thin film transistor liquid crystal display which has a digital-to-analog converter. The motivation for combining these inventions would have been to reduce the power consumption of the source driver, and thus, reduce the power consumption of the liquid crystal device (column 4, lines 1-5).

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Patent 6,097,362 to *Kim* for a driver for a liquid crystal display.

U.S. Patent 5,793,334 to *Koyama* for a system for correcting a display device and method of correcting the same.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Uchendu O. Anyaso whose telephone number is (703) 306-5934. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steve Saras, can be reached at (703) 305-9720.

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